



Property & Facility Management Division Chairman's Message



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Recently, both the BSD and PFMD received invitations from the Home Affairs Department (HAD) to join a meeting to discuss the Proposed Pilot Scheme for the Provision of Professional Advice to Owners' Corporations on the Appointment of APs for Building Maintenance Works. This is a new initiative from the government to assist those building owners who operate under Owners' Incorporations, but neither employed Property Management Companies nor joined either the Operation Building Bright or Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme. The purpose of this scheme is to advise and provide owners with samples and basic documents relating to tenders and contracts, help owners understand the proper and correct procedures for tendering exercises and procurements, and guide owners on how to prepare for owners' meetings in compliance with the meeting procedures according to the Building Management Ordinance and Deed of Mutual Covenant. The scheme will be a joint collaboration with the HKIS's BSD and PFMD, which will provide professional services on a pro bono basis.

As a professional institute in Hong Kong, the HKIS wishes to contribute to the betterment of its community. Although there is a long road ahead before the problems of serious building repair and maintenance encountered by the owners of Hong Kong's many old buildings can be resolved, the least the HKIS can do is to lead the way forward and lend a helping hand in this matter. More details will be publicly announced once all the operation and application details are confirmed with other professional institutes, which will also be invited to join this scheme.

Having been nominated by the BEAM Society, Ltd., I have joined the Steering Committee of the BEAM Plus Communities/Neighbourhood Development Feasibility Study under the HKGBC. Basically, the Steering Committee formed under the Green Labelling Committee (GLC) will produce a final report on the road map to a long-term rating scheme for BEAM Plus Communities/Neighbourhood Communities and make recommendations to the GLC for

the future commissioning of a further consultancy study, if necessary. I find it interesting to work with many other green professionals in a bid to create this new rating tool under BEAM Plus.

Members should be aware of the recent termination of the HKIS and RICS's Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership. This is the resolution after months of discussion and consultation and it is in the best interest of all HKIS members. More details on the eligibility for application under the existing Mutual Recognition of Membership before the termination date will be announced soon. Members are welcome to make enquiries in this respect.

During the council meeting in July, our CPD work group planned a number of CPD events for the second half of this year. They include a site visit to the Grand Award Winners of QPFMA 2012, a Hotel Management talk, a Mandatory Building and Window Inspection Scheme that focuses on the property management aspect, a tour of the Yau Ma Tei Theatre, etc.

I will join the HKIS delegates for the Technical Visit to Liaoning between 28 July and 1 August 2013 and will report on it in my next Chairman's Message. 